

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently amended) A gasket comprising a frame having an inner peripheral edge and an outer peripheral edge, the inner peripheral edge being convex and of continuously curved configuration over the full width of the gasket and being provided with a liner of chemically resistant material conforming with the convex and continuously curved inner peripheral edge and a portion of the frame in addition to the inner peripheral edge.
2. (Original) A gasket as claimed in Claim 1, in which the liner is made of polytetrafluoroethylene.
3. (Original) A gasket as claimed in Claim 1, in which the inner peripheral edge is part-circular in cross-section.
4. (Original) A gasket as claimed in Claim 1 provided with holes to accommodate sealing bolts.
- 5-6. (Cancelled).
7. (Original) A gasket as claimed in Claim 1 in which the opposite faces of the gasket are planar.
8. (Currently amended) A gasket comprising a frame having an inner peripheral edge and an outer peripheral edge and including a protrusion or nose at its inner and/or outer peripheral edge, the protrusion or nose being convex and of continuously curved configuration over the full width of the gasket and being provided with a liner of chemically resistant material conforming with the convex and continuously cured inner peripheral edge and a portion of the frame in addition to the inner peripheral edge.